

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-02563-APM**

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Amit P. Mehta  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 11/07/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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**Defendant**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
11/07/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5779692) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Justice)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/07/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/08/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Amit P. Mehta. (zrdj) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/08/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zrdj) (Entered: 11/08/2018)
11/26/2018	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/19/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/19/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/19/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 11/19/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Peterson, James) (Entered: 11/26/2018)

12/19/2018	<u>5</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 12/19/2018)
12/20/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's <u>5</u> Consent Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. Defendant's answer is due on or before January 2, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 12/20/2018. (lcapm2) (Entered: 12/20/2018)
12/20/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Answer due by 1/2/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 12/21/2018)
12/31/2018	<u>6</u>	MOTION to Stay re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 12/31/2018)
01/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> Motion for a Stay of Proceedings. This matter is hereby stayed. Within three business days of Department of Justice operations resuming, Defendant shall notify the court by when it will file its responsive pleading. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 1/7/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 01/07/2019)
02/05/2019	<u>7</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 02/05/2019)
02/06/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant shall respond to the complaint no later than February 25, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 2/6/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/06/2019)
02/06/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Responsive Pleading due by 2/25/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 02/07/2019)
02/25/2019	<u>8</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/25/2019	<u>9</u>	ORDER. Both a Complaint and an Answer are now before the court in this FOIA case. It is hereby ordered that the parties shall meet and confer and file a Joint Status Report on or before March 11, 2019. The Joint Status Report shall include (1) the status of Plaintiffs FOIA request; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to Plaintiffs FOIA request; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of the documents requested by Plaintiff; (4) whether a motion for stay is likely under Open America v. Watergate Special Prosecution Force, 547 F.2d 605 (D.C. Cir. 1976); and (5) whether the parties anticipate summary judgment briefing and, if so, a proposed briefing schedule. Please see the attached Order for details. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 02/25/2019. (lcapm2) (Entered: 02/25/2019)
02/25/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 3/11/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/10/2019)
03/11/2019	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 03/11/2019)
03/12/2019		MINUTE ORDER. The parties shall file an additional Joint Status Report by April 4, 2019, which addresses the matters outlined in the court's Order of February 25, 2019. Signed by Judge Amit P. Mehta on 3/12/2019 (lcapm2) Modified deadline year on 3/21/2019 (zjd). (Entered: 03/12/2019)
03/12/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/4/2019. (zjd) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
04/04/2019	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Haynes, Fred) (Entered: 04/04/2019)